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AT THE OPENING of the new Bronx Community College, the ceremonies of orientation and registration were attended by officials of the Board of Higher Education, faculty of the college and students. Seen here seated at the table are students, from left to right: Edward Knobloch, Marjorie Finkelstein, Till'on Weinstein, and Madeleine Miller. Behind them, from left to right, are: President Morris Meister, Mrs. Ruth S. Shoup, Secretary of the Board of Higher Education, and Mr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman, Board of Higher Education.

President Morris Meister Greets First Freshman Class

"As President of the College, and in the name of the faculty, I welcome you to the Bronx Community College. This is a great and important moment in your lives and in ours." Thus, President Morris Meister commenced his address of greeting to the first freshman class on Feb. 2, 1959.

President Meister explained how the school had come into being, expressed the hope that the college would grow and prosper, and outlined for the students the careful preparation for the road ahead of them.

"The world in which you are seeking your place is changing rapidly. More and more people live longer, work fewer hours, enjoy higher standards of living. But, it is a world with dwindling natural resources, in which all countries are inter-dependent and must learn to live with each other in peace. All this spells more education, more understanding, more skills, higher competence, and greater devotion to American ideals of democracy."

Then, President Meister addressed himself to the kind of college we wish to build. "All you are here because you want to develop your abilities and explore your interests. To do so, you will have a chance to correct the mistakes you may have made in high school. It will take hard work. If you succeed, we can help to open doors for you. Some of you will move into the last

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Students, Faculty Get Acquainted

Orientation Week was spent on placement tests, including reading comprehension and mathematics examinations.

The week was culminated by a Student-Faculty Tea, where the faculty and students had a pleasant time getting to know each other. The following week, classes began at the Park Avenue center of Hunter College.

Building to Have Extensive Changes For Modernization

Formerly inhabited by the Bronx High School of Science, the building is to undergo extensive alteration and refurbishing, according to plans drawn up by Perkins and Will, well-known architects, in consultation with the faculty.

To match the appraised value
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Student Council Works on Constitution, Code for Pupils, and Organizing Clubs

The Student Council of the Bronx Community College has already formed a committee to draw up a constitution. Another prospect is to develop a code for student decorum and standards. Clubs and organizations will be chartered in accordance with student interests.

Those elected to the various Student Council offices are:

Leon Bobis, President of the Student Council, is known as the orator of Bronx Community College. He is a graduate of William Howard Taft High School and is now a student in the Liberal Arts Program. He hopes to further his education and achieve his goal, to enter a school of veterinary medicine.

Frank Lugo, Vice President of the Student Council, formerly attended Morris High School. A Liberal



Arts student, he is the right hand man of the executive of our Student Council.
Robertta Schaeffer, Treasurer of the Student Council, is a graduate of Morris High School and is a Liberal Arts student. She is working with and co-operating with the constitutional committee.
Barbara Trope, Secretary of the Student Council, formerly attended Industrial Arts High School and worked as a commercial artist for a year. She is a Medical Laboratory Preparatory Technology student and keeps records of all committee meetings.

Herbert Lewis, Section Representative for the Liberal Arts students, was graduated from Christopher Columbus High School. He is an active member in the Student Council and a very influential.
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College is Dedicated Today With Morris Meister as First President

Hon. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, will preside at the ceremonies of Dedication of the Bronx Community College and the Inauguration of Morris Meister as President of the College to be held in the College Auditorium at 120 East 184th Street in the Bronx on Monday afternoon, May 11, 1959. The college is administered by the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York under the program of the State University of New York.

At the academic ceremonies, Dr. Carroll V. Newsom, President of New York University, will deliver an address on "A Focus for Education" and will bring President Meister the greetings of the Council on Higher Educational Institutions in the City of New York.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, invited to address the assemblage at the dedication of the fourteenth community college of the State University of New York, will be represented by Dr. William J. Roman, Secretary to the Governor.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner will officially dedicate the college, which was opened in 1957 as the second community college in the City of New York. The college is the fourteenth of the City of New York.

The invocation will be delivered by the Reverend Father Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., President of Fordham University. A cadet guard of the State University Maritime College will lead the salute to the colors.

The traditional academic procession of university and college presidents and deans and delegates of learned societies and professional organizations, garbed in cap and gown, will open the proceedings. The musical selections by the Hunter College Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Professor Alexander Bernyk, and include selections by Handel in tribute to the current municipal festival in honor of that composer.

Greetings from the Board of Estimate will be delivered by Hon. James J. Lyons, President of the Borough of the Bronx. Hon. Ruth S. Shoup will speak as Chairman of the Bronx Community College Committee of the Board of Higher Education.

Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., New York State Commissioner of Education, will bring the official
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Registrar Describes Growth of College

According to Mr. John D'Andrea, Registrar, Bronx Community College opened with one hundred twenty-five students, about two thirds men, and one third women.

The college is currently offering Liberal Arts and Pre-Engineering courses, and Business, Electrical, Mechanical, and Medical Laboratory Preparatory Technologies. In September of 1959, enrollment will increase by about four hundred fifty. In September, 1960, we plan on one thousand students in the day session.

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Dean of the College: Dr. Abraham Tauber

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A Wise Choice, Indeed!

The staff of the *Communicator*, in behalf of the Student Council and the entire student body, extends its best wishes to Dr. Morris Meister upon his inauguration as first president of the Bronx Community College. We congratulate both the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York and the Trustees of the State University of New York for the wisdom of their choice. Our educational lives are in very capable hands.

Let's Mark the Trail Clearly

The staff of the *Communicator* extends to the first freshman class its sincere hopes for a successful college career.

The bright future we anticipate belongs not only to us, but to those who come after us. We are the pioneers marking a trail through wilderness. We must assure ourselves and our followers that the trail, though rugged and leads to our desired destination. What we seek—the calibre of our work, the traditions we foster, the respect we command in the community—can make the climb easier for those who follow. It is up to us, the first freshman class, to mark the trail clearly and intelligently, and to see that the movement progresses in the right direction. S.S.

Make Our Stay Profitable

One hundred twenty-five students were selected to be admitted to this new municipal college. Even an organization of this size needs to set up rules and regulations for governing itself.

It is our duty to establish a system of self-government which will best serve the needs of the school and the students. All of us must give serious thought to the role the student body is to play in the growth of the Bronx Community College. Our officers must be guided always by the thought of serving faithfully and intelligently the students and the school. Those of us who do not hold office can help our representatives to do their jobs well by letting them know our thoughts on school issues. We must be articulate, not apathetic. P.Z.

We Are Standard Bearers

Every college must have extra-curricular activities, or else much of the valuable enthusiasm for campus life is lost. The Bronx Community College can be no exception.

What we accomplished in our first semester will influence those who enter next fall; what we fail to do may also have an effect. As standard bearers, we should give serious consideration to a variety of activities. It is up to us to get together groups having mutual interests, formulate our plans, and present them to our Student Council representatives and the school administration. If you are interested in forming a club or a team of some sort, now is the time to make your plans and put them into action. L.B.

Citizens and Civic Heads Aid College To Establish Itself

Thanks to the help of many public-spirited citizens and civic leaders, the doors of Bronx Community College were opened.

The new Bronx College Advisory Committee, composed of leading citizens of the community, was organized to help establish an institution worthy of the community.

Lunchroom Open

The lunchroom, situated on the fifth floor, has been made available to students. Vending machines for ice-cream, milk, coffee and hot chocolate have been installed.

Plans have been drafted for a more complete lunchroom.

Student Council Is Organizing College

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) tial and important member of the committees concerned with student social activities.

Barbara Seltzer, Section Representative for the Medical Laboratory Preparatory Technology students, is a graduate of Taft High School and formerly attended Hunter College Night Session. She works as the managing editor of the school newspaper and spends much of her time organizing the school's social activities.

Carol Postar, Section Representative for the Business Technology students, is a graduate of Roosevelt High School. With the help of the other Business Technology students, she hopes to take over the care of the Student Council budget.

John Murphy, Section Representative for the Mechanical Technology students, formerly attended Mount Saint Michael High School.

John Mitchell, Section Representative for the Pre-Engineering students, is a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School.

A basketball game and Square Dance will be held on the night of May 22. A poll was taken to determine whether the dance would be "stag" or "drag"; the majority of students preferred to bring dates, but no decision has been reached.

Some looks of horror appeared on the faces of the faculty when a game with them was first proposed. The gruesome thought, however, appears to have turned into a pleasant possibility for all concerned—especially for the students.

Embryonic Staff Commences Publishing Student Newspaper

The *Communicator* was started when the students received letters from Dr. Abraham Tauber, Dean of the College, asking if they wanted to pioneer in forming the college newspaper in December, 1958, three months before the opening of the college in February, 1959. Ten students answered the call and met with Dr. Wynn Reynolds, faculty representative, on a Friday afternoon at the Board of Higher Education Headquarters at 535 E. 80th St.

Daily CLOSEUP

Morris Meister

New Head of Bronx College

Morris Meister grew up on Madison, corner of Pike, and on Cherry, corner of Clinton—intersections in an area known generically as the Lower East Side and which, it seems safe to assume, turned out more doctors, lawyers, teachers, dentists, engineers, comedians and politicians than any other of equal size or density of population.

The regard that residents of that area had for the attainment of what was known as a "good education," the possession of which entitled its bearer to be pointed out with respect as an "educated man—a doctor even," had not been equalled in the country until the Russians threw a ball up into the air and named it Sputnik.

The sudden official recognition of the coun-

try's educational inadequacy was an old story to good teachers everywhere who had dedicated their lives to teaching the children of the country what it means to be an operative and civilized human being.

Morris Meister, "an educated man—a doctor even," is one of those teachers.

Without Meister, founding principal of the notably successful Bronx High School of Science, and now president of the newly operating Bronx Community College, and a number of men of comparable dedication, U.S. education would be in even worse shape than it is.

Meister spent 20 years guiding the education of smart kids who found their way to that outstanding Bronx high school—years during which he also found time to publish 15 textbooks in the field of science.

When it was decided to found another community college in the Bronx (a two-year junior school designed to meet the needs of students who either don't want four years of college or who don't meet the requirements), the Board of Higher Education considered 30 names for nine months before selecting Meister as its president.

It was an appointment Meister accepted with enthusiasm, although it came at a time when the city had finally allocated funds to erect a new building for his beloved high school, a building for which he had fought for years.

Speaking of his new job he says: "There is no question but that Russia is working harder at meeting shortages in trained manpower than we are. One of the areas to which we can turn is a better utilization of what we have as well as to an accelerated program.

"The community college attacks the problem in this way. We know that every professional in every line needs to be supported by several sub-professionals. The existence of the sub-professional makes the efforts of the professional go a much longer way. I see in the community college a way out."

Meister is also excited by the possibilities for expanding the educational opportunities for second-generation immigrants in the less privileged areas.

As a first-generation immigrant who came here from Poland when he was 7, it is an area of education in which he has special interest.

Meister is glowingly proud of the fact that his children, Alton and Anne, are both doctors, too. Alton is head of the department of biochemistry at Tufts University, and Anne is a psychiatrist.

by BENNETT SCHIFF, New York Post, March 2, 1959



President of the Bronx Community College
Dr. Morris Meister

President Meister Greets Freshmen

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) two years of a four-year college, and win the baccalaureate degree and go on to graduate work and the professions. Others will combine a sound general education with the refinement of skills sufficient to make them function efficiently as sub-professionals and subsequently able to advance in their life's work. In fulfilling your purposes, our college will stress guidance and remain small and intimate."

Stay at Hunter

President Meister, introduced by Acting Dean Abraham Tauber, delivered his opening address at the Hunter College Building, Park Ave. and 68th St. where the first month of college was held. President George Shuster, who had graciously put the Hunter facilities at the disposal of the Bronx Community College, also extended greetings to the faculty and student body.

Bronx College's Name and Seal Are Emblazoned in Gold on Green Field

A new venture proudly hoists its banner. Our college's name and seal are emblazoned in gold on a field of green. The color combination represents the desire to elevate human standards, the determination to speed human progress, and the courage to foster idealism and intellectual curiosity.

The educational desires and aspirations of the Bronx Community College students are symbolized in the college seal. It represents a tree of knowledge bearing three kinds of educational fruit: the book, superimposed on the ancient scroll, implies the wisdom of the past and its spir-



OFFICIAL SEAL of our college

itual influence upon the present; the open palm which holds the planet, Earth, represents the conviction that humanity holds its destiny in its own hands. The atomic symbol depicts man's constant exploration of new and challenging fields, his striving to better himself.

The symbol of our college glows with the wisdom of the past and the promise of the future, and represents the finest aspirations of American youth. Certainly, we, the students of the Bronx Community College, shall do our utmost as representatives of the present to uphold them. R.S.



DR. MARGARET MULLIN, Head of the Guidance Department, is on hand to help any student work out solutions to the problems which we all face, in programming, course selection, future education, choice of a career, or personal matters. Each week's schedule of office hours is posted on the door of room 205. Above, Dr. Margaret Mullin (left) interviews Jacqueline Reid.

Dedicate College Today; Meister Is First President

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greetings of the Board of Regents. Dr. Lawrence L. Jarvie, Executive Dean for Community Colleges, will convey greetings from the State University of New York.

The insignia of the presidential office, a medal designed by Professor Albert E. D'Andrea, Chairman of the Art Department at the City College of New York, will be placed over President Morris Meister's shoulders. A prayer will be delivered by Rabbi Charles E. Shulman of the Riverdale Temple.

President Morris Meister will then deliver his Inaugural Address, "All That He Is Capable of Doing."

Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, President of the City College, will greet President Meister in the name of his colleagues of the Administrative Council of Municipal College Presidents. The benediction will be delivered by the Rev. Edler G. Hawkins of St. Augustine's Presbyterian Church, Moderator of the New York Presbytery. The ceremonies will be attended by many honored guests and invited friends of the college, the student body and their parents.

An inaugural dinner is planned to follow the events in the auditorium. Hon. Ruth S. Shoup will preside and greetings will be given by Mr. George D. Busher, Chairman of the Bronx Community College Advisory Committee, and by Leon Bobis, student council president. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph M. Perniconi, will offer the blessing before the banquet.

The committee that has been preparing the program includes the Hon. Gustave G. Rosenberg and Hon. Ruth S. Shoup of the Board of Higher Education, Dean Abraham Tauber and Professor Daniel S. McGrath, Jr. of the faculty, Mr. Donald Darcy of the Bronx Community College Advisory Committee, Mr. Charles Rodriguez of the Office of the President of the Borough of the Bronx, and Dr. Marvin Rapp, Associate Executive Dean for Institutes and Community Colleges, State University of New York.

Evening Session

As part of the Bronx Community College growth and expansion, beginning September 1, 1959, this school will offer an evening session to matriculated and non-matriculated students.

Dr. Abraham Tauber, English and Speech Head, Dance Marks First Week



DEAN of Bronx Community College — Dr. Abraham Tauber

Buildings to Have Extensive Changes For Modernization

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) of the building contributed by the city, the State University of New York Trustees have appropriated \$2,200,000 for capital expenditures, improvements and equipment for the college plant.

Almost \$100,000 worth of laboratory, library and shop equipment has already been delivered to the building and is being placed in position for use, partly with the help of student volunteers and the faculty of twelve. More extensive architectural renovation and equipment delivery will follow as soon as plans, purchase and delivery can be completed.

Plans call for landscaping, in- with modern, appropriate material to maintain high standards for its seven curricular offerings, the plans call for landscaping, including removal of a surrounding picket fence and integrating the campus with the community.

Dr. Abraham Tauber, Head of the Department of English and Speech, who has supervised the curriculum in liberal arts and sciences, has been named Acting Dean of the College, Dr. Morris Meister, President, announced. He earned his B.A. degree from the City College of New York and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University.

Before joining the Bronx Community College, he was on the faculty of the Day and Evening sessions of the City College of New York since 1932, where he also taught in the summer session

and in the School of Education.

Dr. Tauber has also held a visiting professorship at Yeshiva University, and he served on the faculty of the Bronx High School of Science for twenty years. He has also been director of summer camps and youth activities. He is an athlete of no small renown, having been on the basketball and track varsity teams of the City College of New York and having held the U.S. Paddle Tennis championship from 1948-1951.

In the summer of 1959, Dean Tauber will direct a school at Cornell University.

The first week we entered our own building was quite a hectic one, during which students helped the faculty to move the college into its new quarters.

As a homecoming celebration, the student council of Bronx Community College ran the first dance of the year on Saturday night, March 7, 1959. Music was furnished by Mathew Maurer '61 and his band.

The dance was attended by all faculty members with their wives and husbands as well as by the student body. This was the first student council social function.

Library Presents Interesting Art Exhibits Covering Many Varied Facets of Our Life

The Library has presented a number of interesting exhibits since we moved into our building. During the months of March, April and May the first floor corridor and the Library were brightened by the presence of a series of water colors of Bronx scenes. Painted by Mr. Ben Ganz, a New York City teacher at J.H.S. 82, the paintings present a variety of local scenes: schools, libraries, churches, synagogues, markets, and streets.

Professor Morton Rosenstock, Librarian, is also supervising the display of a group of prints illustrating the growth of our city. For those who wondered what automobiles looked like before the age of the tail fin, an exhibit during April of advertisements from old issues of *Fortune* magazine was enlightening. National Library Week, April 12-18, was celebrated by exhibits built around the theme of "Wake Up And Read." Recently, Prof. Atlas

of the Chemistry Dept. arranged an illuminated display illustrating the process of steelmaking.

On view in the Library are a number of colorful travel posters. The first floor bulletin boards are featuring photographs of the college and its students. Now on display are paintings by Mrs. Dana Kattaf, a local Bronx artist, and a group show of the Bronx Artists Guild.

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ART COMES to Bronx Community College, courtesy of Mr. Ben Ganz. Admiring the watercolors are Dr. Tauber, Martin Burger, Robert Butell, Tilton Weinstein and Dr. Marian McKenna.

College Plans Full Program Of Sports

In case you have been wondering about the sports program at our college, Prof. Daniel S. McGrath, Jr., Chairman of the Health Education Department, revealed the following plans.

Varsity teams are scheduled for the near future. Present plans call for baseball, soccer, track and basketball. For the Fall semester, an intramural program for men and for women will consist of basketball, volleyball, bowling and handball.

According to Prof. McGrath, we have received several invitations to participate in the many community college leagues. Because of our relatively small current enrollment, however, we are proceeding slowly. We want to give everyone an opportunity to engage in some phase of sports activity during the Fall term.

A basketball team is of immediate importance, and will most likely include such high school veteran players as Otto Carlson, John Mayewski, Peter Sirusas, Herb Lewis and Gerry Garfinkel.

President Meister Addresses Faculty



WITH SMILES ON THEIR FACES, the faculty of Bronx Community College is ready to take on their responsibility under the guidance of President Morris Meister. Addressing the group is Dr. Meister. Seated in the first row, left to right: Dean Abraham Tauber, Professor Daniel S. McGrath, Jr., and Mr. Gerald J. Morrissey. Second row: Professor Sheldon M. Atlas, Mr. John E. D'Andrea, Dr. Wynn R. Reynolds, Dr. Bernard P. Corbman, Mr. Morton Rosenstock, and Dr. Marian C. McKenna. Third row: Mrs. Vera T. Dammann, Professor Manuel Stillerman, Dr. Margaret Mullin, Professor Robert F. Oleck, and Dr. Henry F. White. Not shown: Dr. Vera F. Beck.

Dean Tauber Manufactures Press Clips

Through the public relations' efforts of our indefatigable Dean Abraham Tauber, the Bronx Community College is the proud possessor of a bulging book of press clippings. From the time the college was a gleam in the eye of the Board of Higher Education, to the dedication, the college has received wide press coverage in city and local papers, school papers, and numerous magazines and bulletins.

Our image has been projected in such publications as: *The New York Times*, *The Herald Tribune*, *The World-Telegram and Sun*, *The Post*, *The News*, *The Mirror*, *The Press Review*, *The Riverdale Press*, *Admiral*, published by Christopher Columbus High School; *Arrow*, published by Hunter College of the City of New York; *Cherry Tree*, published by George Washington High School; *Chronicle*, published by St. Barnabas High School; *Morris Piper*, published by Morris High School; *Science Survey*, of the Bronx High School of Science.

Professor Corbman Addresses Community College Conference

A Metropolitan Regional Conference of Community Colleges was held at the Hotel St. George on January 3, 1959.

Several of the topics discussed were: "Research," "Instructor In-Service Training," "College Curriculum Improvement," "Teaching Methods," and "Evaluation of Educational Process," which was prepared by Dr. Bernard P. Corbman, Professor and Head of Department of Business Technology at Bronx Community College.

This was the fifth conference of

its type. Another such conference, The Statewide Annual Conference, will be held on June 15, at the Broome Technical Community College at Binghamton.

Thank You!

Mr. Donald Darcy, Vice President of the Northside Savings Bank, and a member of our Advisory Committee, has headed the Campaign Committee for Inauguration and Dedication Funds. He has done a fine job. Mr. Darcy, accept our heartfelt thanks!

Decals Carry Seal

The college seal and colors are being seen in all their glory all over town these days. Decals, which may be transferred to any surface, are on sale at the college and have been purchased in quantity by the students and faculty.

The decals are in various shapes and are, naturally, in green and gold.

Book covers and souvenir skilllets will be on sale in the College Store, to open in September, 1959, announces Professor Daniel S. McGrath, Jr., Director of Student Activities.

Bronx Community College is Fourteenth in State Program

In 1957, when the Bronx Community College was founded, it was the fourteenth community college under the program of the State University of New York.

Established by the State Legislature in 1948, the State University includes 42 colleges located in all areas of the state, including the locally sponsored, two year community colleges.

The colleges of the State University of New York family are united in the purpose of improving and extending opportunities for young people.

State University offers programs

in liberal arts, science, engineering, home economics, industrial and labor relations, veterinary medicine, ceramics, agriculture, forestry, maritime service, medicine and teacher preparation, and includes graduate and professional schools. The two-year colleges offer a wide variety of programs in technology, as well as in liberal arts and sciences and pre-engineering, which enable transfer to four year colleges, within and without the State University.

The State University is headed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor.

College's First Lady Seeks Pupil Status

Mrs. Florence Meister, the First Lady of our college, is modest about the volunteer work she is doing at Bronx Community College. She is graciously giving up much of her time to help our new school.

She enjoys working with members of the faculty.

"Coming to our college," Mrs. Meister continued, "inspires me to study more. Maybe with more students attending the college I'll be able to slip in unobserved and be mistaken for a student."

Midway Evaluation

Bronx Community College has adopted a policy of mid-semester grades. The grades are not final; they are only a reminder to continue effort or to increase them.



FUTURE OF AMERICA is shown hard at work unpacking chemical equipment before classes commenced in our new building. Left to right are Frank Moen, Leon Kaminsky, John Mitchell, Faith Payson, William Gailing, Barbara Seltzer, Steve Florsheim, and Steve Singer.

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